(d) if so, whether Government propose to review its policies on the export of vegetables and fruits?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) It is a fact that the price of garlic has significantly increased during 1986-87 mainly due to fall in production on account of drought conditions in the garlic growing areas. The export of garlic has infact declined.

(b) Due to reduction in production of garlic the availability of garlic for seed purposes is adversely affected.

(c) Plant quarantine regulations are followed for import of planting materials of agricultural/horticultural crops including garlic.

(d) Export of fruits and vegetables are being continuously monitored. Government will not encourage export of such vegetables and fruits which are in short supply in the country.

Annual loss incurred on large surface water projects

*258. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared in the Times of India of 13th December, 1986 to the effect that India was incurring an annual loss of Rs. 800 crores on large surface water project; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to cut the losses?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The annual loss mentioned in the news item appears to be based on a purely financial approach. The low financial returns are attributable to inadequate water rates and their poor recoveries by the States. The State Governments have been urged to review the water rates and improve recoveries.

Operational Research Units in Maharashtra

*259. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:
PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1955 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th March, 1986 and state:

(a) the places in Maharashtra where Operational Research Units have been established by the end of the year 1986;

(b) the places where such units are proposed to be established during the year 1987; and

(c) whether Government have set up or propose to set up, a network of agencies to moniter, evaluate and improve the working of such units?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) The places in Maharashtra where Operational Research Units have been established by the end of the year 1986 are as follows :

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Location	Implementing Agency	Date of start
1	2	3	4	5
1	ORP on Integrated Control of Rice Pests	Raigarh	Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli	1986